

## Musical Topics

Edited by Mrs. K. L. Skahan

**Joachim Raff.**  
Raff's career was one of the most romantic and at times one of the most pathetic in musical history. He was born May 27, 1822, at Lachen, Switzerland. He was educated at a Jesuit school and mathematics. Immensely fond of music, he was unable to afford a teacher. He became a school teacher and studied music with the greatest of teachers, "oneself." Mendelssohn became interested in him and induced a publisher to issue some of his compositions. From that time to his death he wrote incessantly, often producing works which were so trivial that their value was purely ephemeral. Liszt, Von Bülow and others who saw in Raff a great genius drifting in any direction the winds might blow induced him to further and more regular study. Meanwhile he was so miserably poor that he was often close to starvation and ready to turn out any kind of cheap pot boiler to keep himself alive.

Liszt, whose great heart and breadth of sympathy made him a god friend to many musicians in need induced Raff to take up his home in Weimar, where Raff's opera, King Alfred, was produced many times with great success, but with little profit to Raff. In 1856, however, he went to Wiesbaden, where his fortunes turned as he had many piano pupils. In 1859 he married the daughter of a famous actor. Encouraged by prosperity he wrote many highly interesting works for the orchestra including the symphonies, in the Woods, Lenore, The Alpine, in Summer, Spring Sounds and in Autumn Time. In all, Raff wrote 11 symphonies. None of these rank with the great symphonies of Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms or Tchaikovsky, but they are exceedingly good and interesting music with occasional moments of lofty inspiration. His technical skill was often quite amazing as is shown in some of the first movements of his symphonies. He is at his best, however, in the slow movement which are often (like his famous Cavatina) exceedingly impassioned and filled with emotional charm.

As a composer for pianoforte Raff produced so many compositions that it is surprising that so very few re-

main. His pianoforte Concerto was once very popular, but is rarely heard at this time. La Filleule and the Polka de la Reine, however, are probably his best known works for piano. His songs are rarely heard although he wrote many and his violin compositions with the exception of an occasional performance of the Suite for Violin and Orchestra and the immortal Cavatina are practically unknown. Possibly one should add La Fée d'Amour, a violin piece, which was a favorite in Sarasate's programs.

In 1877, Raff was appointed director of the very fine Hoch Conservatorium in Frankfurt am Main, an endowed institution, which has done much for music. There among his many noted pupils he had Edward MacDowell in whom he took a great personal interest. Raff died on June 25, 1882. His life is a singular monument to his ability in many directions, to his great industry, and yet to the colossal amount of effort wasted in pursuing inconsequential musical aims.

### Fighting To Get a Start.

The following bits taken from the lives of some illustrious French masters tell their own story. The ultimate triumphs of these men make these little struggle paragraphs immensely encouraging to all students who are now "fighting to get a start."

Charpentier worked in a rope factory to get a start.

Zizet made "hack" piano arrangements of orchestral pieces to eke out a living.

Debussy fell fearfully into debt during his struggle years, but was able to clear himself by his later successes.

Berlioz got a job as a chorus singer in a cheap theatre in order to keep body and soul together.

Gounod's struggles were largely fought by his noble mother, who taught night and day in order that her son might have the opportunities that she knew that he deserved.

Debussy and his mother went to Paris entirely without resources owing to the death of the father. He had a beautiful voice and almost supported his family by singing in the church of the Madeleine.

### STUDIES GERMAN CUSS WORDS

**Marine Fits Self to Be Able to Tell the Kaiser What He Thinks of Him.**

Salt Lake City.—When the United States marines march into Berlin there is going to be one Salt Lake representative peculiarly fitted to tell one William Hohenzollern just what Zien thinks of him, for Covendish W. Cannon of this city has enlisted in the Marine corps. For several months prior to his enlistment Cannon was studying German, but he insisted that his teacher school him in only one branch of the German language—profanity.

"I want to learn how to cuss fluently in German," said Cannon, when questioned concerning his peculiar studies, "so that I can tell Kaiser Bill and the rest of the gang just what I think of them. If I didn't know all the words in the German 'cuss dictionary,' how could I do it?"

**Shell Shock Victim Honored.**  
Spokane, Wash.—Edward Haynes of this city, has been recommended to receive the distinguished service order medal of the British army. Haynes, a machine gunner in the Royal British marines at Cambrai, last winter took part in the defense against the German drive. He recently returned here suffering from shell shock. While crossing the Atlantic on his way home, the liner was torpedoed and he spent three and one-half days in an open boat before being rescued.

### HAS WOODEN LEG; DRAFTED

**He Is Taken Before Army Officers at Camp Dodge as a Slacker.**

Des Moines, Ia.—Sam Alanko, with a wooden leg, was sent to Camp Dodge as a draft evader from Fort Snelling.

When he was called up before the Camp Dodge officers he limped considerably.

"What's the matter with you?" he was asked.

"I've got a wooden leg," he replied. "It was found that Alanko's left leg had been amputated above the knee and he was equipped with an artificial limb."

"What did you come down here for?" the officer asked.

"It beats me," Alanko replied. "I guess they want me."

**FAILS TO REMOVE HIS HAT**

**Manager Knocks Down Employee and Then Hands Him "Blue Envelope."**

Miami, Okla.—Because an employee of the Riverside park here would not take off his hat when the band played "The Star-Spangled Banner," Manager A. H. De Vaux knocked the offending lid off the man's head, after he had asked him three times to remove it. As the man stooped over to pick up the hat, Mr. De Vaux gave him a right uppercut to the jaw and he took the count. He also received a "blue envelope."

### BRING OUT YOUR WEAPON

By MELVILLE DAVISSON POST.

That appalling damnation—intelligence without humanity—converting a whole people into a predatory monster has descended on the world.

No human institution, fine or noble, is any longer safe. Invasions from a malignant star or fabled beasts breaking up through the crust of the earth could not more awfully threaten us. Every energy of every civilized nation must be assembled for resistance.

An idle citizen is an idle weapon.

How shall we then enchain our untrained children and the women of this hour of emergency? We hold back like in our hands a weapon that would have helped to save the world?

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### HELP THE WORLD TO CLEAN HOUSE

By JAMES MONTGOMERY FLAGG.

Now comes the Fourth Liberty League! The fourth opportunity to Americans to hit a goalblowing blow at the Hun! The scourge of the world—the fiendish and soulless and mighty machine of evil—that, although most of the nations of the earth are battling against, is still going strong!

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We are money grabbers. But how lucky for our allies that fact is! If it had not been for our money, Germany would have been victorious some time ago.

We are gradually, steadily, relentlessly expanding our might.

We are a red, white and blue glacial, that will finally suffocate Prussianism.

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You are not asked to set the traps—use the clubs, spray the powder—but you are asked to pay for those traps, clubs and powder, so that others may wield these weapons for you, so that you and your family and your family's families, your loved ones may live in a decent house forever.

Your house is the United States. The vermin is Germany. We will not allow the vermin to overrun our house—as it will if not stamped out.

We are not pickers—no one can ever say that of us. We are not asleep!

Our soldiers, sailors and marines buy Liberty bonds by the millions, men who have offered their all to the great and holy cause! None of us have to be ashamed by them into doing our least! When the window opens where they sell the Fourth Loan of Bonds be there in line. Your bonds are reserved seats to the great spectacle of "Final Victory." The date of the performance to be announced later!

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**ROOKIE GETS HIS INTERVAL**

**It Lasts Fifteen Minutes and Is Taken Up Most With Conversation.**

Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.—A bunch of new draft men were marching across camp in charge of a sergeant who occasionally sung out sharply: "Keep your intervals!"—this being a military term used in keeping the squads at the proper distance from each other.

One of the rookies complained to the captain: "Say, Cap, the guy that hung us over here told us to keep our intervals. They haint gimme one yet."

"Is that so?" mused the officer, thoughtfully. "Well, when you get through medical examination tell the personnel officers about it. You must have an interval, by all means. Try to make them give you one before night."

When the rookie demanded savagely later that Captain Coffin, personnel officer, issue him an interval the captain gave him one of fifteen minutes, taken up with very earnest conversation.

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**Must Back Our Boys.**

Our boys have gone over there, bearing in their eager youths' faces and in their stout American fighting hearts, America's promise to those poor war-weary peoples. It is a promise that you and I and every man, woman and child in America must stand back of with all our hearts and—well, with all our worldly goods. There is not a human American today who is not fired with a passion of patriotism, with the keenest desire to serve—for the chance to prove his right to look those boys in the face when they get back. Just the contempt we have for the slacker, the profiteer of today—just that contempt will we have for ourselves, tomorrow, if, in our souls we can find one chance to serve overlooked or one sacrifice not made. For, remember that our boys in that one moment of supreme selflessness—that "going over the top"—that second of conscious immolation on the altar of freedom, victory and peace—that willing surrender of their blood and body and brain—for just you and me—for our peace and safety—in that one moment has come a spiritual rebirth, a rejuvenation of soul, that will search our souls for kindred strength, and be spiritually intolerant of weakness, of hypocrisy, of sloth.

So for all of us comes the searching of what we may do now—how to prepare for that time when our boys come back, bearing along with their scars of war, that triumph of war—freedom for all men and future peace for all peoples. Even yet, not all of us can take an active part in direct war work. But there are two ways in which all can share and in which women must lead. As men have readjusted the worlds of business, of finance, of industry to war, so we women can readjust our little individual domestic lives to war. Even the homely tasks of cooking, washing, bedmaking, sending the children to school, directing the family amusement—even these can be directly related to the war necessity of keeping the nation's health, balance and spirit adjusted, all in readiness for the day when our country may call on us—just you and me—for the supreme sacrifice.

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**Keep Thrift Wheel Spinning.**

Then, we women must put our shoulder to the thrift wheel and keep it spinning merrily. We can save—and in this our babies can help—save pennies, save useless and some useful expenditures, save service, save food, save the other fellow's time—and always with a cheerful heart, a smiling front, the courage of devotion. If by saving and at a sacrifice, a dollar for a Liberty bond, 25 cents for a Thrift stamp, an hour a day for serious thought on how we, individually, can adjust our every daily act to war—if, by these little things, we can do a patriot's part in this war, if we can have the right to put our names alongside the "mothers of the world," then, in God's name, not only do them, but see that every other woman does and does likewise. Let every man, every woman, every child in these great United States have the chance to share in the glory of America's part in this war—to own a vital piece of that immortal liberty, the right of one's own soul that America has always fought for and stands for immortally now and forever, world without end.

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